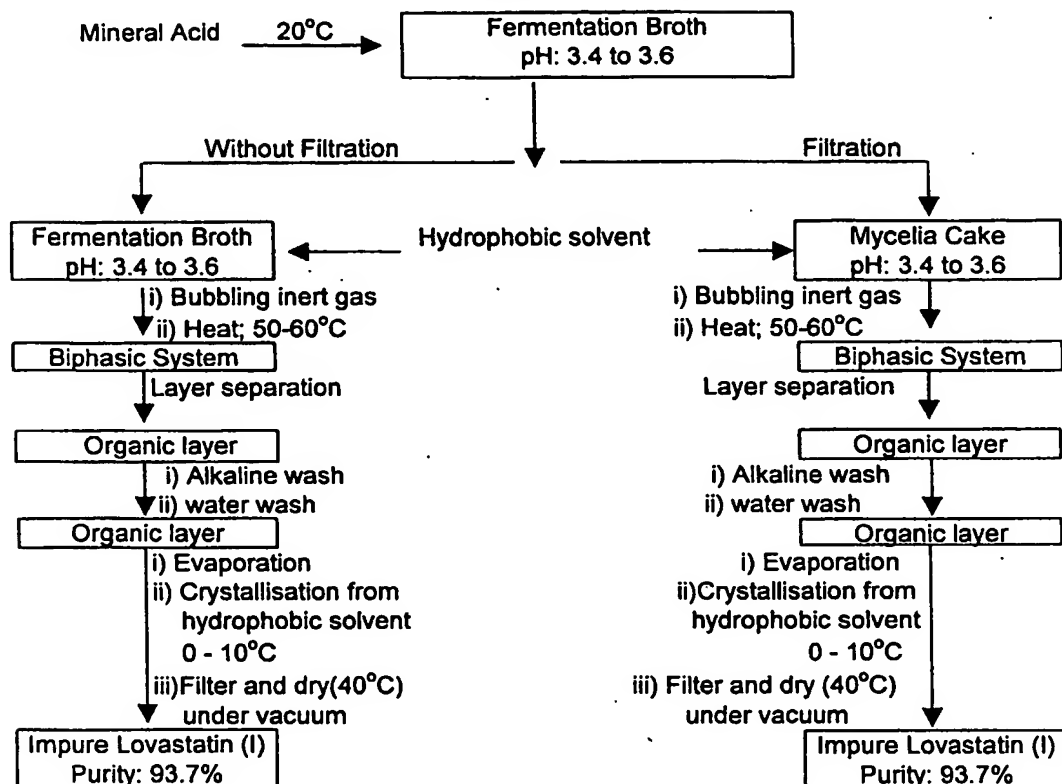


A). LACTONISATION OF MEVINOLINIC ACID (II) AND ISOLATION OF PURE LOVASTATIN (I)**B). PURIFICATION OF IMPURE LOVASTATIN (I)**

i) Purification of lovastatin (I) using a mixture of dichloromethane and toluene.

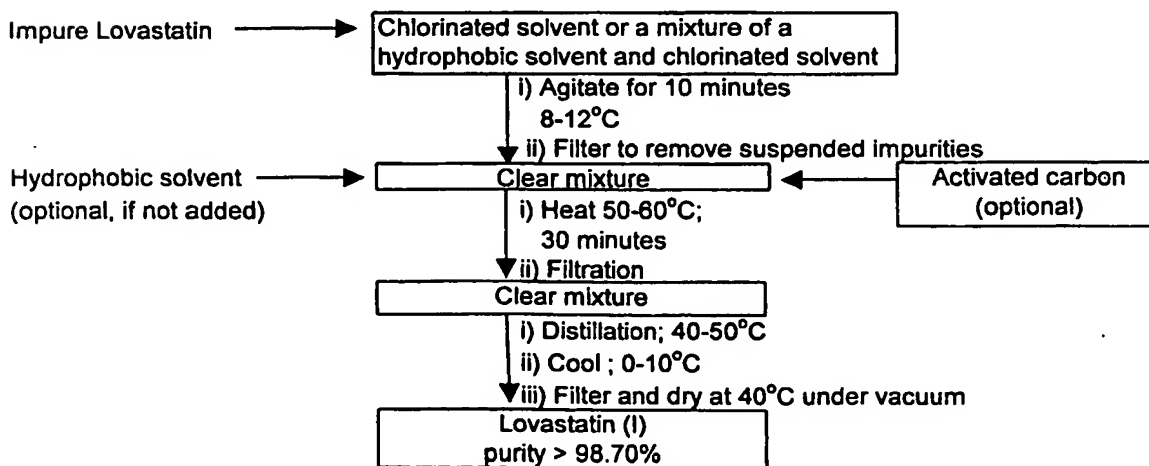


FIG. 1

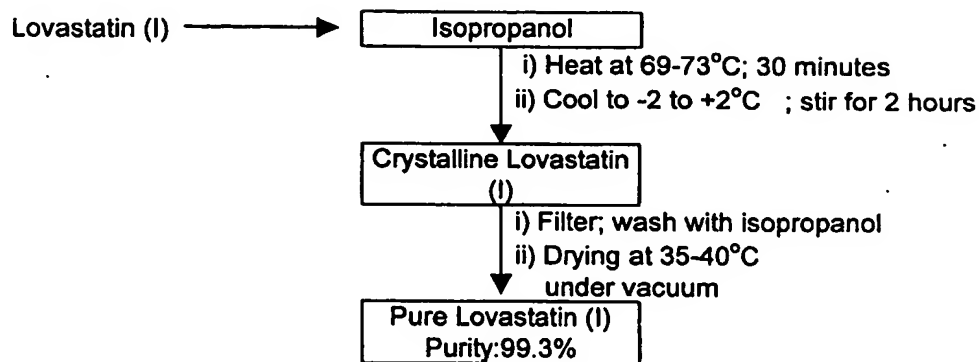
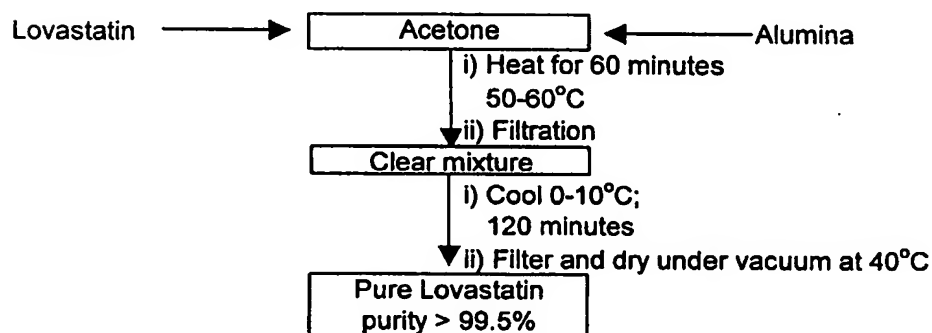
ii) Recrystallisation of Lovastatin (I) from isopropanol [obtained in step B (i)]**C). PURIFICATION OF LOVASTATIN(I) [as obtained in step B(ii)] (Optional)**

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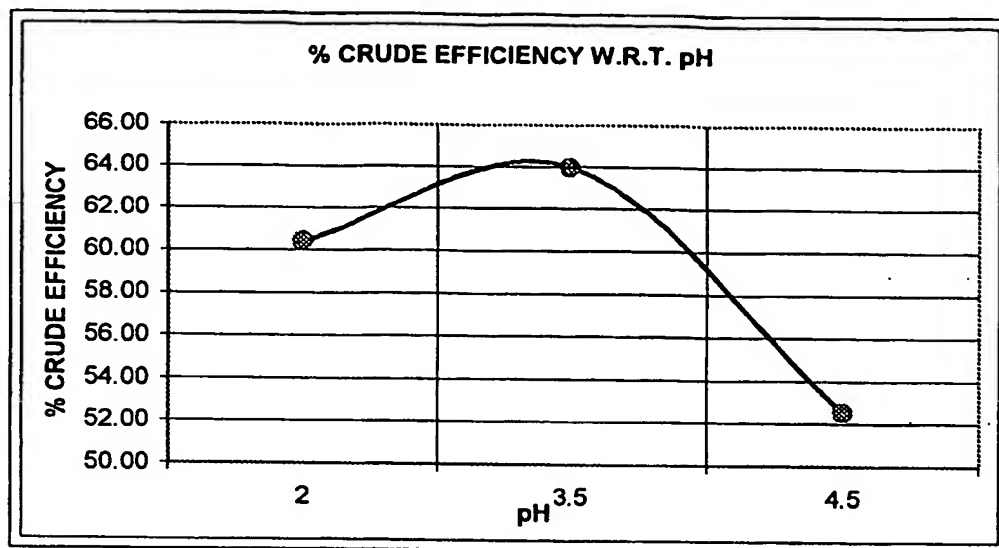


Fig. 2

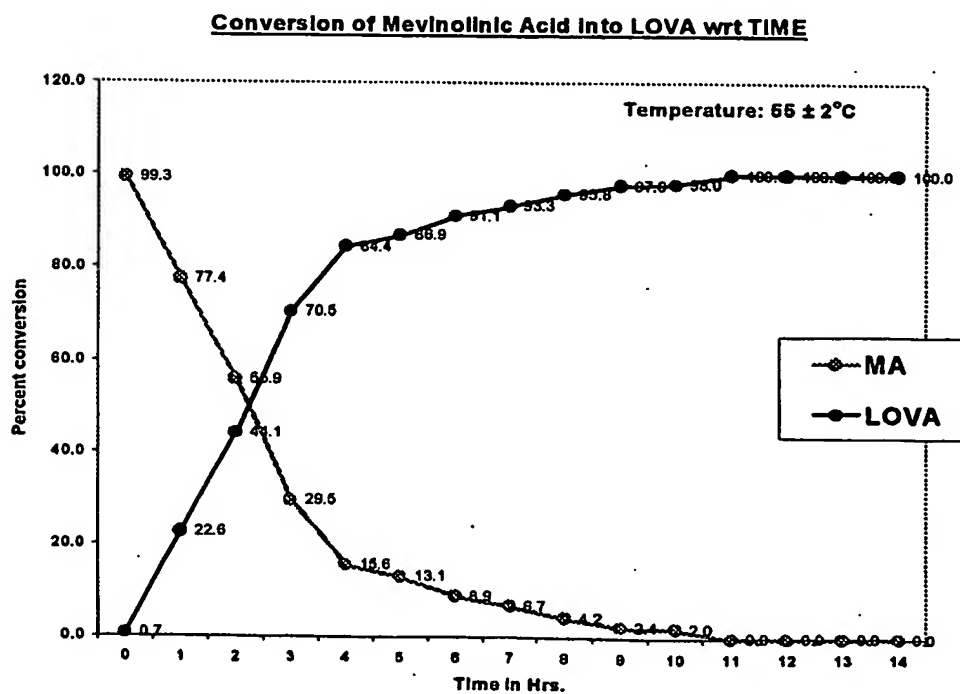


Fig. 3